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Re: Application of: Michinori KOHARA, et al.

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For: **OLIGORIBONUCLEOTIDE OR PEPTIDE
NUCLEIC ACID INHIBITING FUNCTION OF
HEPATITIS C VIRUS**

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated November 10, 2008, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on April 9, 2009 with a first class mailing certification which was received by the U.S.P.T.O. on April 13, 2009. In response to the Notice of Appeal, applicants file the present Amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination, Information Disclosure Statement and Petition for Extension of Time (three-months, up to and including September 13, 2009), along with requisite fees under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3), 37 CFR § 1.17(9) and 37 CFR § 1.17(e) accompany this Reply.

Applicants hereby amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.